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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, SEPTEMBER 14, 2001

APPLICATION OF

AOBA ALLIANCE, INC.

CASE NO. PUE010425

For a license to conduct
business as an aggregator
in both electric and natural
gas retail access programs

ORDER GRANTING LICENSE

On July 31, 2001, AOBA Alliance, Inc., ("AOBA" or "the Company"), filed an application for a license to conduct business as an aggregator in the electric and natural gas retail access pilot programs, as provided by the Rules Governing Retail Access to Competitive Energy Services 20 VAC 5-312-10 et seq. ("Retail Access Rules"). The Company intends to serve commercial customers participating in the natural gas retail access programs of Washington Gas Light Company ("WGL") and Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc. ("CGV"), and in the electric retail access programs of Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Virginia Power") and Appalachian Power Company d/b/a American Electric Power ("AEP-VA").

On August 16, 2001, the Commission issued its Order for Notice and Comment, establishing the case, providing for the receipt of comments from the public, and requiring the Commission's Staff to analyze the reasonableness of AOBA's

application and present its findings in a Staff Report to be filed on or before September 5, 2001. No comments from the public on AOBA's application were received.

The Staff filed its Report on September 5, 2001, concerning AOBA's technical and financial fitness to provide competitive aggregation services. In its Report, Staff summarized AOBA's proposal and evaluated its financial condition and technical fitness. Staff concluded that AOBA possesses the financial responsibility and technical experience to provide both natural gas and electric aggregation services in Virginia for commercial customers. Staff recommended that a license be granted to AOBA for the provision of aggregation services.

AOBA filed a response to Staff's report on September 10, 2001. In its response AOBA updated its original application by stating that on August 22, 2001, it received a license to act as a natural gas broker and aggregator from the Maryland Public Service Commission.

NOW UPON CONSIDERATION of the application, the Staff Report, the Company's response and the applicable law, the Commission finds that AOBA's application to provide natural gas and electric aggregation services should be granted.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) AOBA Alliance, Inc., is hereby granted license No. A-2 to provide competitive natural gas and electric aggregation

services to commercial customers in the retail access programs of Virginia Power, AEP-VA, CGV, and WGL. This license to act as an aggregator is granted subject to the provisions of the Retail Access Rules, this Order, and other applicable statutes.

(2) This license is not valid authority for the provision of any product or service not identified within the license itself.

(3) Failure of AOBA Alliance, Inc., to comply with the Retail Access Rules, the provisions of this Order, other State Corporation Commission orders and rules, or other applicable state or federal laws may result in an enforcement action by the Commission including, without limitation, the revocation, suspension, or modification of the license granted herein, the refusal to renew such licenses, the imposition of appropriate fines and penalties, or such other additional actions as may be necessary to protect the public interest.

(4) This matter is hereby dismissed.